

From the president

It was once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." For many people that journey begins on the campus of Texas State. My journey at Texas State did not end after I received my B.S. in criminal justice in 1984. Starting in 2004, I joined the Texas State Alumni Association Board of Directors. It is an outstanding organization that gives more than \$100,000 in scholarships each year, provides networking opportunities across Texas and the United States, and is your link to Texas State as an alumnus, friend or student. It is my pleasure this year to be the president of the board.

The Alumni Association is currently housed in the historic Alumni House. Located on the corner of LBJ and University drives, the Alumni House can be counted as one of the oldest buildings on campus. Its



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beauty looks out of place in the commercial area between downtown San Marcos and the campus of Texas State. The history-rich house was great in our beginnings, but it doesn't continue to serve our needs now.

An Alumni Center has been named by President Denise M. Trauth as one of the pillars of the Pride in Action campaign – an Alumni Center that reflects our pride in Texas State and serves as a gateway to campus. To see an artist's illustration of the vision for the Alumni Center, visit the association's Web site at www.TxStateAlumni.org/AlumniCenter. New alumni centers have had a "profound influence" on peer universities' ability to serve their gradu-

ates. The Texas State Alumni Center, to be located on Aquarena Springs Drive near the athletics facilities, will serve as a home and establish a sense of place for former students and friends to commemorate significant events in their own lives and the life of Texas State.

Your association has accomplished extraordinary goals in the past. We are looking forward to giving out more scholarships, building an Alumni Center for all Bobcats and seeing you at the many alumni events. Your support is needed, and I am asking you to get involved at the level where you are comfortable. Get invested in your association, participate in your local chapter and find out what is going on! You'll be amazed at the pride that you will find in this place we've called home!

Texas State continues to change. The campus is now host to more than 29,000 students working toward their educational goals. There are tens of thousands of footprints that crisscross the campus each day. Some are unseen, others are hard to miss, but they are headed in one direction – making history. When they return to campus, I want them to know that the Alumni Association has a welcome mat

that will never wear too thin for returning students, alumni and friends. We are your home away from home.

See you soon,
Jim Barney '84
Texas State Alumni Association President

Reception honors LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award winners

President Denise Trauth and the Texas State Alumni Association hosted a reception at the University Club before



At the LBJ Lecture reception in April were students Justin Gilbert and Chris Covo, former Regent Don Flores '73, Alumni Association past president Rich Durand '70 and board member Ralph Davis '68.



Honored at the 2009 Alumni Association Scholarship Gala in February as Alumni Achievers were, bottom row from left, Joni Hruska Fichter '83, Ramiro Martinez Jr. '85 & '87, James Streety '66 & '69, Ronald Angelo Johnson '97, Nancy Nusbaum '76, and Michael Willoughby '69. Joining the celebration were President Denise Trauth and Alumni Association board officers Jim Barney '84, president; Jim T. Brown '61, second vice president; Kenneth Huewitt '85, secretary; Kathy Evans '87, first vice president/treasurer; Chuck Dicker '72, president-elect; Johanna Haley '72, immediate past president; and the association's executive director, Dorothy Evans '66 & '70.

the Lyndon Baines Johnson Distinguished Lecture on April 14 with former LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award recipients as special guests. After the reception, participants headed to Evans Auditorium to hear Lynda Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson give the lecture named for their father with Harry Middleton moderating. The lecture was the culminating event of a year-long university celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Johnson, Class of 1930. The Common Experience theme for the year was "Civic Responsibility and the Legacy of LBJ."



Happy birthday, Coach Mac

Anyone who attended Texas State between 1952 and 1988 probably remembers Vernon McDonald. He got his degree in education in 1952, coached at Eagle Pass High School for one year and then returned to Texas State permanently



One of the people attending the birthday party and signing of McDonald's book, *Playing for a Winner: Remembering Coach Milton Jowers*, in May was Jowers' daughter, Ellen Lund '73 New Braunfels, who teaches math at Texas State.

as a coach and eventually as assistant athletic director. He retired in 1988 but remains a loyal and exuberant Bobcat fan. Coach McDonald is one of the most recognizable, successful and beloved coaches in the history of the Bobcat athletics.

On May 9, Texas State athletics and the T Association hosted a roast and book-signing in honor of McDonald's 80th birthday at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. McDonald recently wrote a book covering the life of legendary Bobcat Milton Jowers and several decades of Texas State basketball entitled *Playing*

for a Winner: Remembering Coach Milton Jowers. Book sales will benefit the Vernon McDonald Men's Basketball Endowed Scholarship. To purchase the book (\$25 plus \$5 handling fee), contact the Alumni Association at 888.798.2586 or e-mail Alumni@TxStateAlumni.org.

Coach McDonald is a lifetime member of the Texas State Alumni Association. A lifetime membership allows alumni the chance to stay connected forever. To become a lifetime member of the Texas State Alumni Association, go to www.TxStateAlumni.org.

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New Alumni Center

The Texas State Alumni Association is excited to announce the vision for a Texas State Alumni Center to be located on the corner of Aquarena Springs Drive and Charles Austin Drive. This is within walking distance to Strahan Coliseum, the baseball-softball complex and Bobcat Stadium. It will establish a sense of place for our alumni to call “home” on campus where they can re-live their student days.

The building will have a Hill Country feel that will be reminiscent of the Old Main and Taylor Murphy buildings and act as a “gateway” to campus. It will provide a place to host graduation and athletic event receptions. For more information contact the Alumni Association at 888.798.2586 or Alumni@TxStateAlumni.org.

Ring Ceremony 2009

The Alumni Association celebrated its fourth year of the biannual Ring Ceremony in May. Eligible students receive their rings and ceremonially dip them into water from the San Marcos

River. As this tradition has grown, so has the number of recipients. More than 250 rings were presented, and many others attended to dip their rings as well. The official ring of Texas State is decorated with engravings of the Texas star, Old Main and tubers on the San Marcos River. The ring represents a connection with classmates as well as alumni and serves as a symbol of a student’s achievements.



Alumni had a pre-game reception in April at a San Antonio Spurs game where the Strutters performed.

Student Chapter News

Trade Up

Trade Up Day continues to break records on the Texas State San Marcos and Round Rock campuses. The event allows students to trade in the T-shirt of another university for a Texas State shirt.

More than 1,000 shirts were traded up on both campuses in Trade Up Day this spring. Highlighted on the back of the Spring 2009 long-sleeved shirts is a list of the “Top 10 reasons to be a Bobcat.” The Student Chapter traded up all of the shirts hours before the event was scheduled to end.

Trade Up is an especially exciting event for the Round Rock campus because students there rarely have an opportunity to acquire Texas State apparel. All of the traded-in shirts were donated to the Department of Geography’s Earth Day project and recycled into tote bags.

Meet the Candidate Night

The Student Chapter teamed up with the Associated Student Government this spring to host the first annual Meet the Candidate Night. This event provided an informal opportunity for students to get to know the candidates for ASG president and vice president. Candidates addressed many student interests without any pressure from either side. Students Chris Covo and Tommy Luna won the election.



Members of the Student Alumni Chapter joined 2,500 other students for a day of community service at Bobcat Build in April.

Chapter News



The Houston Chapter gathered for a luncheon in April at the Houston Racquet Club to hear Heather Hawkins Hawthorne ’85, Chambers County clerk, and her husband, Sgt. Brian Hawthorne, president of the Texas DPS Officers Association, talk about the



devastation left by Hurricane Ike. The couple painted a picture of the storm’s aftermath and emergency response to it on the decimated Bolivar Peninsula, one of the hardest hit areas. Here with Hawthorne, center, are Joni Hruska Fichter ’83, left, and Kelly Smith Ditta ’86.



Bill Winsor ’69 hosted a “Dallas Power Breakfast” at the World Trade Center in Dallas this spring. From left are Matt Adler ’94, Mark Mayad ’79, Winsor, Bruce Akerly ’79, Mitchell Ward ’89 and Greg Hollon ’84.



Texas State Alumni Association Past President Gary Whittington '76 hosted an alumni luncheon at the Corpus Christi Country Club in January. Featured speaker was university President Denise Trauth, who gave guests an update and information on the Pride in Action campaign. At the luncheon were, from left, Becky Smith Magdalena '78, Gordon Magdalena '78, Cynthia Kuhn '79, Ron Kuhn '79, President Trauth and Whittington '76.



Gary Whittington '76, a past president of the Alumni Association, greets Distinguished Alumna Chris Adler '61 at a mixer of the Corpus Christi Chapter in March at Beamer's Pizza Burgers & More, which is owned by alumni Leon and Valerie Burns.



Drexel Johnson '74 presents gift to speaker Jan Goss after her presentation to the Austin Chapter at their luncheon in April at Serrano's Café-Symphony Square.



The Austin chapter met at Little Woodrow's in South Park Meadows in March.



The Brazoria County Chapter met at a mixer in February at Johnny Carino's in Lake Jackson.



The Houston chapter met for a mixer at the Pearl Bar in February. At the event were alumni board member Ann Roberts '74, James Keller '83, Roland Altinger '85, Alexis Dabney '08 and LBJ Outstanding Senior Matt Priest '08.



At a meeting of the New York City alumni at the Gossip Restaurant in Manhattan in February are Sandra Rodriguez '03, Victoria Lopez-Herrera '99 & '01 and Gary Boerner '04.



The Student Alumni Chapter and the San Marcos Chapter met together in March at Sean Patrick's in San Marcos.



The Del Rio Alumni Chapter got together in April at the home of Gilbert '79 and Ginny Rodriguez.

Coming Events

Cat Camp

The first Cat Camp is planned for this summer, Aug. 7-9. Cat Camp, a collaboration between current Texas State students and administrators, is designed to teach Bobcat traditions to incoming students before they begin their college careers. This is an exciting opportunity for the Texas State community to come together and welcome our new students who wish to participate. See page 104.

Pigeons and pinot

On Sept. 12, join the association for a day of skeet shooting and wine tasting. This event will take place at Texas State's Freeman Ranch. Enjoy a day of clay and cabernet!

Strutters' 50th

The Strutters Always Chapter of the Alumni Association is putting final touches on plans for the 50-year celebration of the founding of Strutters. Activities are planned for the entire day of Saturday, Oct. 10. A gala will cap the day's events at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Marcos. If you are a Strutter or Strutter manager, please be sure to contact the Alumni Association at Alumni@TxStateAlumni.org to make sure you receive all of the information about the celebrations. Look for your packet in the mail! We plan to publish a directory.

TCU game Sept. 19

The Alumni Association is hosting a pre-game reception at the Texas State vs. Texas Christian University football game in the tailgating area on Sept. 19 on the TCU campus in Fort Worth. Come and watch the Cats and Frogs!

2009 homecoming

Mark your calendars for homecoming, Oct. 24-31. Bobcats will return home for a weekend of fun and fellowship. This year the School of Music will host a reunion

for music alumni. Reconnect with fellow Texas State alumni back at your home on the hill. Show your support by cheering the conference champion Bobcat football team on to victory against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks at the homecoming game!

At homecoming we will honor the newest Distinguished Alumni: Darren Casey '81 of San Antonio, Billy Clyde Gillispie '83 of Nicholasville, Ky., Ross King '58 of San Marcos, Shawn McCormick '85 of San Antonio, John Moreau '84 of San Marcos and Wayne Oquin '99 of New York City.

The recipients will be formally presented their awards at a dinner Friday, Oct. 30. Make plans to attend the ceremony.



The Texas State Alumni Association hosts a fajita tailgate before every homecoming game. The Delta Zetas enjoyed themselves at last year's homecoming.

2010 Scholarship Gala

Join us for the Scholarship Gala on Feb. 27, 2010! Visit www.TxStateAlumni.org for more information.

Texas State Alumni Association

Some benefits of membership

Travel

Alumni Association members receive discounts on travel fares throughout the country. Alumni members receive great travel discounts on airline tickets, cruises, rental cars, hotels and special packages. For more information visit www.TxStateTravel.com.

Insurance

Members of the Texas State Alumni Association enjoy discounts on their insurance premiums. As a graduate of Texas State, you may purchase a variety of high quality, competitively priced insurance products through the Texas State Alumni Association. Choose from life, health, disability, long-term care and home/auto plans that are administered by Marsh/Alumni Services and Liberty

Mutual Advantage. Visit our Web site at www.TxStateAlumni.org.

Career assistance

Members have exclusive access to Experience Alumni®, an incredible joint project supported by the Texas State Alumni Association and Career Services. Experience Alumni® is an online database service that contains a comprehensive collection of job search and career management resources.

E-mail forwarding

Do you still have a hotmail or yahoo e-mail address? Nothing looks better on a resume than a professional-looking e-mail address. A benefit of membership to the Alumni Association is an e-mail forwarding address – for example: YourName@TxStateAlumni.org. This will allow you the ability to always use this e-mail address without changing it.

New grad lifetime membership

There are many benefits of becoming a member of the Texas State Alumni Association, but for recent graduates the lifetime membership offer is one that should not be passed up. Becoming members of the Alumni Association ensures the connection with the school that graduates call home and continues networking possibilities with their fellow Bobcat alumni.

If graduates become lifetime members within the first year after graduation, they receive a 50 percent discount on their membership fee. In that case, the lifetime membership is only \$1,000 and, once it has been paid, there will never be another notice for membership reapplication.

Lifetime members receive a number of benefits that will add to the unique status and prestige that comes with being a member of the Alumni Association. The new-graduate lifetime membership makes an ideal graduation gift.



Scott Barnes '85, shown in the center with Pride in Action campaign co-chairs Jerry '69 and Linda '66 Fields, left, and President Denise Trauth, right, hosted a pre-campaign dinner at the Nasher Sculpture Center in Dallas in February. Among the guests were Fine Arts and Communication Dean Richard Cheatham, Distinguished Alumna Nina Vaca '94, President Trauth, WFAA-TV anchor Gloria Campos Brown '76, and Lance Brown.



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Class Notes

As reported to Alumni Relations before March 31

Basic members

2000s

Bryan Adam '08, Fort Worth, is working for Praxair in Dallas.

Megan Casey '08, Houston, is a co-creator of BobcatOplopy and hopes it will sell forever.

Danielle Livingston '08, San Marcos, is currently working on her M.S. in aquatic biology at Texas State.

Guadalupe Martinez '08, San Antonio, has recently completed the National Asthma Educator Certification course and passed the National Asthma Educators certification exam.

Sharon Churchin '07, Del Valle, has accepted the position of assistant principal at Del Valle High School.

Ruby Garza Kaluza '07, San Antonio, works as a substitute teacher for the Northside and Northeast ISDs in San Antonio and is enjoying life to the fullest with her husband.

Kristen Ottis Kelley '07, Sugar Land, is the marketing coordinator for a state-of-the-art, free-standing ER in Houston and plans to move to San Diego this summer with her husband Chris, who is in the Navy and is currently deployed to the Arabian Gulf.

Misty Martin '07, San Marcos, works as a legal assistant for the Texas Department of Public Safety and loves her job!

Jennifer Williamson Hertsberg '05, Pflugerville, married Dillon in September 2006, landed her dream job in April 2007 and is enjoying life with her husband.

Briana Caramagno Geron '04, Round Rock, has participated in three marathons and is working on a fourth to qualify for the Boston Marathon. She enjoys married life and sends greetings to her Delta Gamma sisters.

Rae Custer Rowe '02, Friendswood, is currently teaching 11th and 12th grade English and communication applications in Pearland. Her oldest son Cole is attending Texas State majoring in communication; middle son Richard is attending San Jacinto College; and the youngest, Corey, graduated in May and plans to attend UT-San Antonio.

Allyson Johnstone '01, Austin, is a professional landman in the oil and gas industry, working for PFM and is currently negotiating the purchase of oil and gas leases.

1990s

Ed Stuart '97, Austin, who married in November 2005 and gained two step-sons, now has five children ranging in age from 27 to 6.

1970s

Arthur Smith '78 loves living in Fredericksburg with wife Beth and two daughters in their mid-teens.

Linda Franks Falke '76, Arlington, is celebrating the accomplishments of her children's graduation from college – son Trenton from Dartmouth in 2002 and daughter Meredith from SMU in 2006.

1950s

Nella Neary '59 & '68, Springfield, Va., is retired after 27 years of teaching and spends her time participating as an Arlington Lady at Arlington National Cemetery, with the Potomac Home Economics Group, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Army Officers' Wives Club. She and her husband have two children and two grandchildren.

Wesley Stevens '54, Houston, recently had his book, *Learning To Sing in a Strange Land: When a Loved One Goes to Prison*, published by Wipf and Stock Publishers.

Non-members

2000s

Jeffrey Crook '08, Houston, has continued at Methodist Hospital after his internship and loves the opportunity.

Mark Engle '08, Houston, is working in the wind energy department for Hilliard Energy in Houston.

Sarah Nicosia '08, San Marcos, is working as a special education teacher in Hays CISD.

Christy Eckelberger '07, Las Vegas, Nev., works with parents and children at a behavioral health clinic as a psychosocial rehabilitation provider.

Amanda Hamm Jackson '07, Ferris, recently returned to work after taking a year off to raise her 1-year-old son. Her husband graduated from the police academy in 2008.

Charli Alsbury Harbin '04, Spring, loves her job teaching 8th grade math and working for Gold's Gym as an instructor.

Diana Pedraza De La Garza '03, San Antonio, with her husband George welcomed their son, Darian, Nov. 16, 2007.

Ryan '03 and Amy Milligan Laird '02 & '07, Austin, were married Oct. 13, 2007.

Patricia Sallean Pledger '03, Houston, with her husband Joseph welcomed their daughter, Madison, on Aug. 9, 2007.

Brian '02 and Weslea Booth Wilks '01, Dripping Springs, were married in 2002 in

Driftwood. Weslea is currently employed with a civil engineer firm in Austin, and Brian owns and operates Trademark Floors.

Kathy Johanns, '00, Austin, was recently named geriatric care manager to the new senior services program at Lutheran Social Services.

Eric Meyers '00, Corsicana, has been promoted to president of Oil City Iron Works and continues to serve as the emergency management coordinator for Navarro County.

Lacey Carlston Smith '00, Horseshoe Bay, is temporarily retired and a full-time mother and wife.

1990s

Tobi Prejean Dittmore '99, Austin, is working at Dell and enjoys life with her husband and two basset hounds.

Ranae Heuer '99, New York, N.Y., received her M.B.A. from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2004 and is currently managing digital marketing programs at Organic NY for Fortune 500 clients.

Nicole Potenza '99, Cedar Park, would love to keep in touch and get involved with the Alumni Association.

Todd '06 and Michelle Pawkett Day '98, New Braunfels, welcomed their daughter, Kendall Starr, on July 28, 2005.

Marc Quarles '98, Plano, with wife Teresa welcomed their daughter Avery Isabella on Oct. 27, 2007.

Angela Neuman Rivera '98, New Braunfels, taught for two years in Hawaii following her graduation and currently teaches kindergarten in Northeast ISD.

Patrick Munoz '97, College Station, has been blessed with three daughters – Marina, 8, Lexi, 6, and Abigail, 4.

Marvin Priddy '97, Angleton, and his wife, who works as a nurse manager at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, have a son, born July 16, 2005.

John Champion '95, San Antonio, will celebrate his ninth year with *Business Wire*. He enjoyed a recent visit to the Texas State campus and says he noticed more energy in the air than when he attended.

Jason McMillin '95, recently relocated to Bryan from West Texas with wife Sherry and sons Joshua, 6, and Benjamin, 3. Jason is finishing a master's degree in agriculture economics at Texas A&M.

William Ashworth '93, Monument, Colo., is married with 6-year-old triplets – Kara, Libby and Drew – and is stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Gabriela Lozano '92, Los Fresnos, Calif., is currently teaching adult basic education, preparing students for GED testing. She has two sons, Michael, 8, and Alejandro, 5. **Michelle Shear Brown '91**, Round Rock, married Jon in February 2000 and in March 2003 welcomed their adopted Marshallese daughter, Raegan, to their family.

1980s

Tamara Gusler Garcia '87, El Paso, is a stay-at-home mom of two children, Garrett and Zoe. Her husband is the superintendent of El Paso ISD.

Lloyd '85 and **Michelle Stoecker Ledet '87**, Tomball, have two sons, Alec and Zachary, whom they are trying to convince to attend Texas State. Lloyd is the former president of the university's ASPA Management Society, and Michelle is the former student publications ad director.

Richard Rees II '87, Houston, has two sons, 11 and 16, and is considering retiring from law enforcement.

Christine Boyett Barr '86, Katy, is a weekly columnist for the *Paris Post-Intelligencer* newspaper (parispi.net) and is working on her first book. Her daughter Victoria is doing very well as a freshman at Texas State. **Laurie Hanovice Bartels '85**, Spring Branch, has been married for 19 years and loves being back in Texas.

Carla Kissinger Hunt '85, Sugar Land, owns and operates Hunt Private Investigations. Her oldest daughter Stephanie is a junior at Texas State. She has five more potential Bobcats – Clayton, Paige, Michael, Madelyn and Jacqueline.

Shirley Linder Franklin '84, Austin, had her 14th book published last year – *Lupita's Quincinera*, available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and B. Dalton bookstores.

John Moreau '84, San Marcos, Texas State faculty member, served as an official in the modern pentathlon at the Beijing Olympic Games and continues to operate the All Texas Athletic Center in San Marcos. He was recently named a 2009 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus and is a 2006 Alumni Achievement Award recipient.

Tom Dickson '83 was married in 1986 and lives in Parker, Texas, with his three beautiful children.

David Rowell '83, Wimberley, has two boys, 18 and 14.

Brian '82 and **Lisa Heard Clark**, Rosenberg. Brian has been named the assistant regional director of the U.S. Department of State's Houston Passport Agency, and Lisa teaches English as a second language and reading in the Houston ISD. Their two daughters are attending college – Brianna is a senior at Baylor, and Lena is a freshman at Stephen F. Austin.

Susan Stockton Gastrock '81, McKinney, has begun her own business, Austintatious Cakes, as a cake decorator and continues her involvement with dog rescue and her church.

Richard Ward '80, Baton Rouge, La., has been married for 24 years, has two children enrolled at LSU and just completed a term as president of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association. He coaches high school and officiates junior, collegiate and professional tennis.

1970s

Mark Jamail '79, Austin, was one of 59 photographers whose portraits of Central Texas-area foster children were featured in the 2008 Heart Gallery debut. Mark's efforts were honored with a proclamation by Austin's city council, and he was interviewed by KEYE, Fox 7 and News 8 Austin.

Andrew Roberts '79, Houston, is married with two boys.

Debra Porter Carlin '78, Dallas, is Dallas Fire Rescue's fire marshal and is responsible for sending investigators to every significant fire in Dallas and reporting the cause and unique characteristics of fires.

Philip Tinker '78, Bryan, loves his job working with two of his favorite things – machines and people. He also likes reminiscing about his college days spent at Cheatham Street Warehouse, the Skate Skeller, Herbert's Taco Hut and Wonder World.

Christopher Kornmayer '77, Alpharetta, Ga., who earned an M.B.A. in international business with a marketing focus, has worked with Nestle SA and InterContinental Hotel Group in the U.S. and overseas and is currently employed by Choice Hotels International as the senior director of strategy and marketing. He is married and has three children.

Larry Smith '77, Austin, retired from AT&T in December 2005 and started LSI Communications in January 2007.

Charles "Randy" Williams '76, Longview, was named in the December issue of *Texas Monthly* as a 2008 "super doc" for sports medicine.

Cristine Beato '75, Sydney, Australia, is working in a doctor of creative arts program. She is an ordained Buddhist nun and prison chaplain, has four children and two grandchildren.

Alex Travieso '73, San Antonio, has been named executive director of the Kids Sports Network.

Darla-Jean Ogg Weatherford '72, Bryan, teaches technical writing and provides public relations for the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M.

Lawrence Ferguson '71, Jourdan, coached for eight years, was an insurance salesman for two years and then retired after 25 years in management with Texas Farm Bureau, where he continues to be an agent.

Kathleen Huff Hancock '71, Houston, has been employed by KBR for 33 years. Her older son graduated from the University of Houston with an engineering degree, and her younger son is attending UTSA. Her niece graduated from Texas State in May.

Rudy Ramirez Jr. '71, San Antonio, currently serves on the Texas State Accounting Advisory Board for McCoy College of Business Administration.

James Kowalik '70, Athens, retired in 2005 after 31 years with the Gulf Coast Authority and currently lives on 21 acres with a creek, pond and trees everywhere.

1960s

Arthur Salazar '69, San Antonio, earned an M.B.A. from St. Mary's University in 1974 and retired in 2006 after 36 years of government service. He is currently under contract as a consultant with the U.S. Treasury. He also provides tax administration consulting to countries in Central America.

John Coers '68 & '81, San Antonio, has worked as a civilian in human resources for the Department of the Army at locations in Giessen-Fulda and Karlsruhe, Germany; Ft. Hood, Texas; Ft. Riley, Kan., and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Debut novel a huge hit

M. Glenn Taylor never dreamed his debut novel would net him a trip to New York City, a shot at a prestigious writing award and a spot in the company of bestselling authors like Toni Morrison. But it has. Taylor's *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart*, published in June 2008, was one of five fiction finalists for the 2008 National Book Critics Circle awards – an honor that's also gone to Morrison and authors Joyce Carol Oates and John Updike.

Taylor, 2002 M.F.A. creative writing graduate, was a surprise nominee. His novel was up against *The Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon, *Home* by Marilynne Robinson, *2666* by Roberto Bolaño and *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. (The award went posthumously to Bolaño.)

The National Book Critics Circle consists of more than 900 book reviewers who annually recognize excellence in writing by naming finalists and winners in six categories, including fiction. *Trenchmouth*, an outlaw tale that narrates the adventures of a West Virginian who's been on the run for decades, landed a spot in Barnes & Noble's "Discover Great New Writers" collection last fall. Rights to the book, originally published by West Virginia University Press have been bought by Ecco (Harper-



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Collins), which was scheduled to reissue the book with a new cover this summer. Ecco has also bought Taylor's second novel, *The Marrowbone Marble Company*.

Taylor, who was born and reared in Huntington, W.Va., teaches literature and fiction writing at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., earned his bachelor's and a master's degree from Ohio University. He now lives in Mount Prospect, Ill., with his wife and two sons. ★

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Alumni Association Century Club

Alumni by choice

Carla Boardman, Granby, Conn. | Chad Carter, Gonzales | Mike Davis, San Marcos | Ponciano DeLeon, Pharr | Geneva Eissler Duncan, Cedar Park, has been married for 19 years and has two children. | Garrett Graham, Houston | Terry and Lawrence Hanlon, Live Oak | Dona Jaschke, Houston | Beth Wroten Newsom, Beeville | Debrah Robertson, Buda | Jake and Patty Sherrill Sullivan, San Marcos | Marylee Dunn Wintersteen, Fulshear | Curtis Williams, Livonia, Mich. | Carol Hendrix Yarbrough, Austin

08 Brittany Bowden, San Marcos | Natalie Childers, San Marcos | Bonnie Cole, Stafford | Alexis Dabney, Austin | Jennie Darst, Stafford | Renee Foshee, San Marcos | Meghan Groom, San Marcos | Brandi Holt, Sterling City | Laramie McWilliams, San Marcos

| Christine Myck, Wylie | Matthew Priest, San Marcos, is the 2009 LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award recipient. | Reagan Pugh, Coppell | Deborah Rivera, San Antonio | Elton Sanchez, Longview | Landon Shanks, San Marcos | Jessyca Carvajal Sierra, Leander | Gary Sims Jr., Denton | Stuart Smith, Katy | Denisha Thompson, Edinburg | Allison Tisdale, Midland

07 Christian Castillo and Monica Alvarado, San Antonio | Moneek Bennett, Bakersfield, Calif. | Courtney Budell, Ledbetter | Joshua Byrne, Minneapolis, Minn. | Reynaldo Camacho, Portland | Nicole Coney, Austin | Megan Fletcher, San Antonio | James Haley, Buda | Arlene Hofmann, Austin | Ronald Jones, San Marcos | Ashley Krejci, Portland | Michael Lehmann, Spring | Aaron Mallory, Corpus Christi | Matthew McClearin, Wylie | Adam Musil, Austin | Summer Perwien '07 & '08

and Steven Rose '08, Columbus, Ga., were high school and college sweethearts and were married on Jan. 3. Both are currently stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., and are active members in their fraternity/sorority alumni. | Matthew and Haley Hudson '08 Schmidt, San Antonio | Jessica Perez Shimek, Stafford | Scott Strickman, Missouri City

06 Bonnie Bingham, Round Rock | Steven Bolton, Alvin | Sandra Bryant, Cibola | Thomas Dziuk, Elmendorf | Kathryn Espinosa, San Marcos | Sarah Fletcher, San Antonio | Shelly Johnson, Kenedy | Kevin Kelly, Houston | Venita Lockett, San Antonio | Jose Macedo Jr., Freeport | Brian Poe, Mansfield | Erin Prince, San Marcos | Michelle Ramirez '06 & '08, San Antonio | Brian Schwaegel, Austin | Nora Segura, Houston | Alaric Sibert, Georgetown | Jill Sims, Bay City | Amber Taylor, Austin

Lifetime members

by choice

Sheila Beckett, Austin,
Robert Sarvis, Magnolia

08 Andrea Bulkley, New Braunfels
Nicholas Elkins, Austin
Bradley Fraillicks, Austin
Jesus Rodriguez III, Del Rio
Kevin Sarvis, San Marcos

07 Kerry Beckett, Las Vegas, Nev., is pursuing clinical research.
Anna Garcia, Floresville
Jason Magdalena, San Marcos
Reagan Treadwell and Cody O'Neal, San Marcos
Lynnsey Tirey, Sealy

04 Tracy and James Leigh '07, Austin
Wendy Moore Silkey and her husband welcomed their first son in April 2007 and all relocated to New Haven, Conn., in August 2008.

00 Coleen Barnett, Morristown, N.J., became a commissioned officer in the Air Force through ROTC at Texas State. She has been assigned to stations in New Mexico, Turkey and California. She received her M.B.A. in 2007 and currently holds a position with Schindler Elevator Corporation in New Jersey.
Ruben Quiroz is currently stationed at the Marine Corps Intelligence Activity in Quantico,

Va., while his wife Janice and daughter Alana Rochelle are back home in Cibola.

95 Michelle Jung Frazier, Edinburg
Bradley Henske, Spring, works in the information technology field and continues to pursue a profession as a screenwriter. Several of his scripts have been considered by major production companies, and he is waiting for one of them to bite. He feels blessed for the time he shares with his two daughters.

93 Robert Hunsaker, Arlington

91 Christopher Davis, Austin, has been promoted to managing associate with Kroll's Business Intelligence & Investigations.

88 Andrea Murdock Lewis, Maumelle, Ark., has served for 20 years in the Army Corps of Engineers and was named chief of the Operations Division for the Little Rock District. She is also involved in the National Turkey Federation, National Wildlife Society and the American Business Women's Association.

87 Patrick Hemphill, Coppell, is a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and his company, Hemphill

Consulting, won the Class II 2008 DFW Minority Business of the Year Award.

86 Norma Carabajal-Essary, Bedford, currently serves on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

83 Marisa Wilde Moore, Round Rock, currently serves on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

81 Dale and Leslie Bulkley, New Braunfels. Dale is a 2005 Distinguished Alumnus and currently serves on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Leslie is the resident district manager for Chartwells at Texas State.

79 Jesus Rodriguez Jr., Del Rio

78 Gordon and Becky Smith Magdalena, Harlingen. Gordon currently serves as a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

74 Sherwood Gregory, Houston, works for Custom Windows of Houston and currently serves on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

05 Natalie Childers, San Marcos | Brian and Amanda Reeves Cox, Spring | Nicole Jarman Dabbs '05 & '07, Harlingen | Kendrick Hackett, Manor | Christopher and Sunny Albright Kelly, Corpus Christi | Christopher Knecht, Houston | Jeff Lounsbery, Dallas | Billy Mims, League City | Jule Murphy, Austin | Ashley Pavlic, Houston | Sheila Bustillos Reynolds '05 & '08, San Marcos | Clifford Rhodes, Houston | Jackie Beard Sacks, Round Top | Lindsey Taylor, New Braunfels | Wesley Thomason, Houston | James Warner, Cuero | Eric Watson, New Braunfels | Seth Weiss, Dallas | Christopher Wick, Weimar | Timothy Wright, Alpine

04 Lloyd Butler has relocated to San Antonio to accept a position as assistant director of payroll services for the future Texas A&M-San Antonio campus. | Ernie Dominguez, Olathe, Kan. | Sarah Hoff and Aaron Evans, Austin | Lauren Barbazette and Micah Harris '05, Irving | Christopher and Elizabeth Colman Jendrzey, Yoakum | Jeannette Jones-Freitag, Austin | Tracy and James Leigh '07, Austin | Jorden Mahler, Richmond | Bruce Perwien, Kingwood | Xavier Ramirez, McAllen | Sarah Brooks Rhoads, Houston, is currently a recruiter at Morgan Lewis & Bockins.

03 Kyle Bushn, Pflugerville | Brenda Bustillos, Medicine Park, Okla. | Ryan David, San Antonio | Julia De La Rosa, San Antonio | Mark Kacer, Bryan | Charles Meadows, Dripping Springs | John Smith, Round Rock

02 Leslie Gresham and Kyle Beesley '04, Lake Jackson | Jodi '02 & '04 and Matthew Edgar '03, Cypress | Christopher Henderson has relocated to Austin with his wife and son on the way. He is working for Genesis 10 as an IT consultant for Bank of America. | Ryan Jansky, Pflugerville | Reagan Key, Hardin | Justin and Kimber Samples '04 Morley, Schertz | Cristen Swindler '02 & '04, Canyon Lake

01 Blanca De Leon, Laredo | Heather McMath Heiter, Seatac, Wash. | Alton and Lisa Heimann '01 & '03 Kinsey, Sherwood, Ark.

00 Heath Anders, Seguin | Celeste Williams Brown, Robinson | Adam Caballero, Brownfield | Ann Djupman, New Braunfels | Phyllis Fleury, Gladstone, Mich. | Gina Lobban Henry '00 & '03, Plano | Lori Oncken '00 & '05, Pasadena | Cynthia Martinez Perez '00 & '04, Seguin | Isabel Plume, Houston | Whitney Self '00 & '08, Austin | Carl Walls III, Austin

99 Donnalynn McKee and Christopher Barton '03, San Marcos | James Denney Jr., Euless | Laura Bacak Glaze, El Campo | Joseph and Robyn Krieg '00 Hoffman, Austin | Heath Marr, Austin | Stephanie Israel May, Syracuse, Utah | Jason and Mindy Hutensky Mize, Grapevine | Matthew Rottman, Rosamond, Calif.

98 Henry Castillo '98 & '01, Georgetown | Byron and Sara Pfeifer, Stockdale | Sean '99 and Anne Wells Spanyers, Pflugerville

97 Justin '98 and Angela Fonseca Alexander, Harlingen | Michael Garcia, Round Rock | Rosemary Guerrero, Round Rock | Susan Peay, San Antonio | Cory Townsend, Lake Jackson

96 Scott Daniels, Katy | Craig Garris, Pleasanton | Melba Gonzalez, San Benito | A. S. Jimenez, Arlington | Jose Montemayor, Austin, is a 2005 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. | Mark Passmore, San Antonio | Stacey Reed, Dallas

95 William Clark Jr., Leander | Vennie Davis Jr., Austin | Edmundo Galvan, Austin | Janice Panigeo Meadows, Barrow, Alaska | Carol Olewin, Austin | Brian South '92 & '95, Austin | Brady Talley, Vero Beach, Fla., is the father of two boys, David and Joshua, and wants to start a Florida Alumni Chapter. | Maria Campos Valle, Marion | Daniel Warner, San Antonio | James '95 & '98 and Stacey '97 Williams, Pflugerville

94 Kurt '96 and Lisa Rath Atkinson, Katy | Randall Deavers '84 & '94, Georgetown | Candus Abrams Hinderer, Pearland | Khanh Huynh '94 & '95, Austin | David Patlan, Angleton | Sherry Sumerlin, San Antonio | Carlos Villarreal Jr., Laredo | Michael Wiedemann, Houston | Fan Zhang and Xiaoxia Yao '96, Chalfont, Pa.

Baby Bobcats As reported to Alumni Relations before March 31

Cole James, to Clint '99 and Stacey Vasicek Bendele '99, July 21, 2008, New Braunfels

Blake Don, to Brian and Kristin Ramey Cappall '03 & '05, Aug. 27, 2008, Grapevine

Olivia Ann, to Lindsey and Omar Castillo '04, Sept. 12, Austin

Samantha Kate, to Rebecca and Jake Cawthon '06, June 17, 2008, Laredo

Elena, to Jeff Cerda and Analisa Dominguez '03, Aug. 17, 2008, Austin

Franny Austen and Zoey Elizabeth, to Joe and Lisa Ard Fay '01, March 25, 2008, Dallas

Hector IV, to Farah and Hector Gutierrez III '02, Jan. 8, Laredo

Patience Taylor, to Daniel Harder and Tabith Eavenson '08, Oct. 17, San Marcos

Bryce Lee, to Greg '93 and Michelle Hoch Harper '01, Jan. 22, San Marcos

Colby Michael, to Christopher '04 and Elizabeth Colman Jendrzey '04, Aug. 22, 2008, Austin

Lukaia Sophie, to Michael and Kimberly Gunn Jolly '00 & '04, Jan. 5, Reno, Nev.

Benjamin James, to Kevin '98 and Elizabeth Powell Kallus '98, Nov. 15, Frisco

Sloane Calene, to Amy and Jason Kennedy '01, Aug. 19, 2008, Frisco

Taylor Nicole, to Ryan '02 and Teresa Smith-Knuppel '01, Dec. 10, Corpus Christi

Daniel James, to Joseph and Amanda Stone Maresh '03, Oct. 13, Houston

Will, to Scott and Natalie Abbott Mercer '96, Oct. 13, Pasadena

Landri Nikole, to Lisa Smith Mueller '03, July 3, 2008, San Antonio

McKinley Nicole, to Aaron and Leigh Anne Stephens Newcomer '05, Aug. 7, Landstuhl, Germany

Harper Elle, to Jeffrey and Jennifer Howe Peel '03, Sept. 15, Waco

Jacob Harper, to Rebecca and Vincent Porter '02, Sept. 6, Grapevine

Dominic Borg, to Jill and Scott Purcell '87, Nov. 8, Des Moines, Iowa

Madison Grace, to Elizabeth and Jason Reeves '06, March 25, 2008, Austin

Emma Rose, to Elizabeth Petroff and Derrick Rodriguez '00, Jan. 21, San Antonio

Randall Lee, to Jason and Kerri White Thompson '99, Jan. 23, 2008, Carrizo Springs

Finnian Jaxon, to David and Lisa Ward White '91, June 20, 2008, Houston

Claire Catherine, to Greg '99 and Glory Bingham Wille '99, April 29, 2008, Temple

93 Gregory Andrade Sr., San Antonio | Lisa Lopez D'Cunha, Huntsville | Mary Foote, West Columbia | Stephen Hofmann, Bentonville, Ark. | Gregory Hunter, Oakland, Calif. | Pamela Lemoine, Wimberley, currently works part time at Texas State and with her non-profit consulting business. She and her husband split their time between Wimberley and San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, where their daughter and family live. | Kerri Wynn Qunell, Austin | Paula Russo Reidler, Houston | Robert and Lindsay Fowler '95 Schima Jr., Cypress | Marcel Sendejo, Austin | Jeffrey Seiler, Tomball | John Woody, Frisco

92 Kellie Wilkerson and Steve Bryson, Johnson City | James Griffin, San Antonio | Elizabeth Rasch Hopkins, Houston | Julie Howard, Lynnwood, Wash. | Peter Kerkez Sr., New Braunfels | Buddy Matthews Sr., Live Oak | John McNeel III, Houston | Joel and Catherine Johnson Ondrusek, Rosenberg | Vincent Williams, Santa Maria, Calif. | Catherine Zimmerman, Luling

91 Brent Bolger, Phoenix, Ariz. | Russell Cain '91 & '93, San Marcos

| Charlotte Mills Contreras, San Antonio | Pamela Troutman Frost, Grapevine | Brent Futrell, Georgetown | Kevin Griffith, Buda | John Rychlik, Fairfield, Conn. | Michael Segner, Austin | Susan Talutis Sherman, Baytown

90 Lee Barden, Katy | Thomas Bowens, San Antonio | Randal Degner, Arlington | Diane Perez Gamboa, San Antonio | Richard Gaylor II, Gatesville | Joe Robinson, Sugar Land | Alan Sheppard, Edmond, Okla. | Jerry Smith, Salem, Mass. | James and Lois Garland '98 Stuart Jr., Martindale | Shelley Peters Vatzlavick, Dallas

89 Lisa Anderson, McKinney | Eric and Kelli French Brown, Austin | James Brunett, Rowlett | Cliff Burnette, Round Rock | Chris Burkhalter, Sugar Land, was recently named to the NCAA Softball Committee, a four-year term that begins in September. | Deborah Chesney, San Antonio | Stephen Dunson, Aledo | Alan Fischbeck, Bolivar, Mo. | James Garner, Shawnee Mission, Kan. | Tracy Houston, New Braunfels | Joseph Janer, Sugar Land | Scott Lammert, San Antonio | Stephanie Steinweg Liles, Katy | Rita Lee,

Houston | Shawn Minson, Sugar Land | Douglas Murray, Cumming, Ga. | Deborah Phillips-Pittman, Brenham | Karen Luginbyhl Statman, Vienna, Va. | Teresa Buff Votaw, Sugar Land | Janie Wojdyla, Colorado Springs, Colo.

88 Chris and Carol Scott '92 Boeker, Houston | Darin and Lauren Darby, Houston | Patrick DeMent, Baytown | Mae MacKenzie Fjelsted, Baker, Fla. | John Garza, Austin | Melinda Jaime-Rivera, Austin | James and Sheila Psencik Kielty, Bastrop | Lisa Moore Pelletier, El Paso | Grace Rosales, San Antonio | Connie Sutherland, Midland | Orlin Williams, Waelder

87 Daniel Bertram, Cedar Park | R.H. Briones, Round Rock | Patrick Diomede, Argyle | David Dunnam, Allen | Trent Garmoe, San Antonio | Leigh Hampton Genard, Carrollton | Cecil Gregg, Spring | Ann Habinak, Houston | Wade and Julie Rackley Haynes, New Braunfels | Keith Lane, Keller | Jenny McGaughey Lee, San Marcos | John Lipinski, Houston | Karen Kowierschke Mitchell, Fort Worth, currently serves as a member of the Alumni Association

Longtime teacher honored

Irene Contreras Mendez, a graduate of Texas State and longtime educator in the San Marcos CISD, was recently honored by having the district's new elementary school named after her. Irene's life was cut short by cancer in 2006 after 28 years in the public school system.

A graduate of San Marcos High School, she attended some of her classes as part of the Upward Bound program on the university's campus and carried on her education at Texas State, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education. She dedicated the remainder of her life to teaching.

Mendez became a master bilingual kindergarten teacher and was recognized as a career ladder teacher, an award given for excellence in teaching. Her husband, longtime San Marcos businessman Ronnie Mendez, remembered that she was often encouraged to return to school, earn a Ph.D. and enter school administration. "But she wanted to be around the kids she loved to teach," he said.

Retired San Marcos CISD principal Sarah Lesak told the school board when it was considering the naming, "She was an example and positive role model to her students and taught them the power of education. She was patient, always finding solutions to any situation, especially if it had to do with educating children."

Another speaker cited Mendez's remarkable spirit – "moving mountains with her teaching, building skyscrapers with her



expectations and changing the hearts of so many children by enriching their lives with endless possibilities."

Ronnie Mendez said it was a "tremendous honor not just for the family but for the community to have a school named after her. Now people will be able to drive by that school and tell their children that they knew her, that she was their teacher."

Irene K. Mendez Elementary School will open in the fall on the site of the former Goodnight Junior High. ★

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86 **David Bidwell**, Littleton, Colo. | **Chris Boening**, Sugar Land | **Norma Carabajal-Essary**, Bedford, currently serves as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. | **Linnes Chester Jr.**, North Las Vegas, Nev. | **Chris and Colleen Welsch '87 Ellis**, Iowa Park | **John Gingrich**, Reading, Pa. | **Victor and Denise McCullough Grant**, Colleyville | **James Griffin**, San Antonio | **Charles Mauzy**, Dallas | **Robert Patterson**, Crozet, Va. | **James Rankin**, Montgomery | **Leah Knox Roberts**, Pearland | **Gary and Valerie Dorsey Schweers**, San Marcos. Valerie currently serves as president

of the Strutters Always Chapter of the Alumni Association. | **Sandra Conklin Steele**, Dripping Springs | **Thomas Sutherland '86 & '94**, Austin | **Celia Tolbert and Stennett Thompkins '88**, Bentonville, Ark. Stennett served as the 2000 president of the Alumni Association. | **John Villamil-Morel**, Coral Gables, Fla.

85 **Laura Bounds '85 & '88**, Deland, Fla. | **Maria Delgado**, San Antonio | **George Gentry**, Cibolo | **George Griffin**, Universal City | **Richard Hartwell**, The Woodlands | **Wendy Nelson Hebestreit '85 & '88**, Albuquerque, N.M. | **Nena Oliver Hoover**, Burnet | **Judy Frederickson Johnson**, Rosenberg | **Therese Fisher and Steve Kahla '86**, Lake Jackson | **Ramiro Martinez Jr. '85 & '87**, South Miami, Fla. | **Carol Parks**, Lytle | **John Young Jr.**, Houston

84 **Mary Riddinger Adcox**, San Antonio | **Edwardo Andrade '84 & '97**, Bulverde | **Randall Deavers '84 & '94**, Georgetown | **Logan Giesie**, Wharton | **Raymond Keys III**, San Antonio | **Martha Canipe Lax**, Austin | **Sandra Michalewicz '84 & '91**, San Marcos | **Paul Neilson**, New Braunfels, was a 2006 recipient of

the Alumni Achievement Award. | **Tracy Spruill Schornack**, Elk Grove, Calif. | **Bruce Wilson**, Austin

83 **Denise Frauenberger Armbruster**, Pearland | **Brent Barrett**, Industry | **Terry Martinez and Richard Fernandez**, Del Rio | **Joni Hruska and Mark Fichter**, Houston | **Jay Hiebert**, San Marcos, was the 1984 LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award recipient. | **Judith Holmgreen**, Alice | **Richard Keitt**, Corpus Christi | **Joe Pacheco**, San Marcos | **Ronny Williams Patterson**, Lake Jackson, was elected president of Clute (Texas) Association Teachers of Dance in 2007 and will hold the office until 2010. She has also been nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Texas Dance Educators Association. | **Geri Geiwitz Ray**, Highland Village | **Russell and Caren Macicek Rice**, Kingwood | **Gerald Richardson**, Winter Park, Fla. | **Denise Pruett Smith**, Dallas

82 **Becky Williams Cooper**, Yoakum | **Clarence Cruse III**, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. | **Harold Doty**, Hattiesburg, Miss. | **S. Rita Garcia**, San Antonio | **Wallis Green**, San Marcos | **Jody Hughes and Ronnie Hodges '83 &**

Cisneros name on Lockhart school

Monico Louis Cisneros' first dream was to play major league baseball. After high school, he got as far as the Florida training camp of the Brooklyn Dodgers before Uncle Sam called and he was drafted into the Army. Born and reared in Lockhart, he never thought his name would someday be on a school in his hometown.

Married to Manuela Recio by this time, Cisneros spent 16 months of his active duty in Korea and decided to attend Texas State after his discharge. He graduated in 1958, eager to teach Texas high school students. But he was rejected repeatedly for teaching positions because he was Hispanic.

In 1963, he went back into active duty and credits his travels and experience from that tour with giving him the "qualifications to run for office in my hometown." Cisneros was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1975 before returning to Texas and becoming an instructor at Austin Community College in 1980.

By 1985, he felt prepared to throw his hat into the political ring. He was a member of the Lockhart school board until 1990, when he ran for mayor of Lockhart. As the winner of the tight four-way race, he was the first Hispanic mayor of Lockhart, serving until 1994. In 1996, he was appointed to an unfinished term for Lockhart's Precinct 1 justice of the peace, a position he holds today. And though he never entered a Lockhart classroom as a teacher, he does have the opportunity to impact truant



students who must appear before him. Last year, the Lockhart ISD changed the name of the freshman campus to Lockhart High School Freshman M. L. Cisneros campus.

Cisneros has always believed in the power of education and passed that belief to his children: Dolores O'Connor '81, Elizabeth Yanez '80, Carl Cisneros and Louis Cisneros, who all live in Lockhart; Anna Schwertfeger '80 of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lisa Barnes of San Francisco, Calif.

Joining Cisneros at the naming ceremony were, from left above, daughters Anna and Elizabeth, wife Manuela and daughter Dolores. ★

'91, Aledo. Jody is a 2006 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumna. | John Pellegrin Jr. '82 & '85, Flower Mound

81 Casey Ansel, Stafford | John Beltran, Castroville | Dwight and Ruth Arledge Dalrymple, Richmond | Louis Garcia, Arnold, Md. | Edward Hernandez '81 & '82, San Antonio | Paul and Carol Fowler '83 Huntsberger, Austin | Cindy Jackson, Houston | Mark and Jana Beaird Mayfield, Marble Falls | Marilyn Goertz Miller, Littleton, Colo. | Charlie Moore '81 & '82, Dallas | Mary Nasypany-Downey, Granbury | Christopher O'Connor, Bulverde | Lucille Picard, Fair Oaks Ranch | Lonna Livingston and Tod Slone '83, Cuero | Lisa Alkek Stoika, Houston | Dewayne Vaughan, Davidsonville, Md. | Jeannie Meyer Wood '81 & '83, Highlands, is currently working for NASA in Houston. She is the mother of two boys, 17 and 14, all living with two dogs and one horse.

80 Wilbert Blayney, San Antonio | Matt Cawthon, China Spring, is a 2001 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. | Gary Cravens, Coppell | Danny Drake, Austin | Moses Escobedo, San Antonio | Michael Kaase '80 & '84, Austin | Charles and Janet Moehlman Proschko, Yoakum | Ray Torres, Castroville

79 Frank Arnold, San Antonio | Keith Dunn '79 & '83, San Antonio | Bruce and Kathy Willms '80 Flanigan, Temple | Roger and Kim Fryou, Spring | Claude Hippard, Houston | Sampson Jordan, Round Rock | Ronald and Cynthia Bowen Kuhn, Port Aransas | Clayton Lee, McKinney | Robyn Reynolds, Orange Grove | Linda Stevenson and Dennis Powers '81, Austin | Deborah Cecil Russell '79 & '82,

Fairborn, Ohio | Lee Ann Blair Tatum, Dallas | Beth Schlueter '79 & '80 and Duncan Webb IV, Plano

78 Wendy Bennett, Irving | Allan Bruns, Houston | Catherine Shippy Kerley has lived in Denton for 27 years and works in advancement for the University of North Texas. | Ted Martin '78 & '81, San Antonio | Randal and Mary Jones McCarty, Winter Springs, Fla. | Jon Moore, San Marcos | Joseph Niland Jr., San Antonio | Lynette O'Briant, El Campo | Glenn Oorlog, Fort Myers, Fla. | Monte Pitman, San Antonio | Dan Richards, Red Rock | Michael and Connie Scott, Raymondville | Douglas Wolff '78 & '80, Wallingford, Conn.

77 Randy Fitzpatrick, Houston | Therese Meyers '77 & '81, Valparaiso, Fla. | Charles and Marlene Persyn '78 Richter, San Antonio | Charles and Vicki Bourgeois Sandburg, Oklahoma City, Okla. | Deborah Schafer Sanders, Del Rio | Mary Melton Trevino, Cibola | Carol Millsaps Williams, Beeville

76 Leslie Kiefer Amann, Houston, has been an attorney for more than 20 years. She is the senior vice president and fiduciary counsel at Sentinel Trust Company, the chair-elect of the Texas Bankers Association Wealth Management and Trust Division Board and serves on the boards of the Houston Business & Estate Planning Council, the Houston Estate and Financial Forum and the University of Houston Law Alumni Association. | Debbie Brauckman Brooks, Buda | Ira Higby III, Houston | Gilbert and Laura Jennett, Houston | Elizabeth Meadows Pilcher, Missouri City | Joe Powers, Houston | Phil Seidenberger, Seguin | Richard



Bobcats doing business

Alumni won in two categories of the Dallas-Fort Worth Minority Business of the Year Awards in November. Hemphill Consulting, which specializes in SAP time management and is owned by Patrick Hemphill '87 of Coppell, won in the category of businesses with revenue of \$1-10 million. Pinnacle Technical Resources, a staffing, payroll and vendor management services provider whose CEO is Distinguished Alumna Nina Vaca '94 of Dallas, won in the category of businesses with revenue over \$50 million. It just so happens that Pinnacle is Hemphill's biggest customer!

In the picture above, celebrating at the November awards presentation are, from left, Nina Vaca; Regina and Patrick Hemphill; Marisa Francisco, executive assistant to Vaca; and Freddy Vaca, Pinnacle's senior vice president and Nina Vaca's brother. ★

Bobcat weddings As reported to the Alumni Association before March 31

Hosea Baker and Stacy Thomas '03, May 17, 2008, Austin

Michael Davis and Lettie Ojeda '94, Jan. 12, 2008, Austin

Edward Drane and Margaret Messecar Muckleroy '70 & '91, Dec. 21, Shelbyville, Ky.

Kenneth Edwards and Shelly Gore '00, Sept. 6, Austin

Robert Elrod and Renae Sassenhagen '01, Oct. 31, Kyle

Aaron Fink '04 & '06 and Jessica Findley '05 & '07, Oct. 18, Austin

Gregory Fryer '05 and Mindy Weth '05, Sept. 6, Kyle

Adam Garcia and Alexandra Manzano '01, Sept. 13, San Antonio

Oscar Harris Jr. '03 and Qiana Salter '03, Oct. 25, Houston

Jake Hauske '07 and Michelle Brandt '08, Aug. 16, San Antonio

Mark Heffer '07 and Dori Bates '05, Sept. 20, Wimberley

Mario Hernandez '07 and Julie Moye '05, Nov. 22, Bee Cave

Brandon Merseal and Deidre Lighthall '02, Dec. 29, Branson, Mo.

Brandon Murphy and Michelle Greenberg '99, Aug. 16, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Donald Nowlin II '93 and Adrienne Richardson, July 26, 2008, Wimberley

Matthew O'Neill '05 and Chelsea Jones '07, March 21, Spring

Derek Parker '07 and Jessica Neely '06 & '08, Nov. 15, Houston

Nicholas Popp '07 and Jenny Chumchal '04, March 29, 2008, Shiner

Ahren Rudolph '07 and Kristen Fehrenkamp '07, April 5, 2008, Columbus

Patrick Shimek '06 and Jessica Perez '07, Nov. 22, Sugar Land

Jason Tinoco and Kellie Williams '07, Aug. 2, Boerne

John Valadez and Stephanie Huynh '04, Nov. 1, Arlington

Walla, Cypress | **Mary and Alton Wilkes**, Victoria

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Marilyn Wightman Caldwell, South Fork, Colo. | **Paul Cecil '75 & '77**, Round Rock | **Joseph Dallal '75 & '77**, San Antonio, is currently working in polymer research to develop hair and skin care products to present to companies worldwide. | **Lois Pressler Duewall**, Helotes | **Morris Faseler**, Hondo | **Richard Garcia**, Cypress, is a 2005 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. | **Pamela Lander Hiriart**, Houston | **Janet Tedford Holmes**, San Antonio | **James and Terri Williams '78**

Hunter, Mount Juliet, Tenn. | **Steve '76 and Susan Drake Irwin**, Sweeny | **Nancy Wyatt Jurecka '75 & '77**, Weimar | **Howard Kleinecke**, Irving | **Bryan Norwood**, North Charleston, S.C. | **Jordon Novelli**, Bellaire | **Charles Rufe**, San Antonio | **Dennis Thumann**, Littleton, Colo. | **Mark Ulrich**, La Grange | **Audrey Zane**, San Antonio | **Lorna Zane**, San Antonio

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Mary Borm, San Marcos | **Tom and Laketa Toellner '75** Dennis, El Campo | **Dolly Lawrence Frazier**, San Antonio | **Peter Gould**, Florence, S.C. | **Dennis McQueeney**, Rohnert Park,

Calif. | **Susan Caffey Newsome**, Del Rio | **Wanda Riedel Sdao**, Sugar Land | **Alfred Villarreal**, San Antonio | **Miles Wilson III**, San Antonio

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Julia Duenas Castro, San Antonio | **William and Nevin Cunningham**, San Marcos. Bill has published a book, *Lone Star Sleuths*, and he served as a local committee chair of the LBJ Centennial as part of the Common Experience at Texas State. | **Gerry and Patti Harrison '74** Gamble, Salado | **Ramiro and Anna Guzman**, El Paso | **Leon Rosen**, Killeen

Bobcat sheriffs serve Central Texas

When Tommy Ratliff was sworn in as Hays County sheriff this year, he joined his fellow alumnus, Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton, as Texas State University graduates upholding the law in Central Texas.

A 1975 graduate in agriculture business, Ratliff had already been named by the Hays County Commissioners Court to fill a justice of the peace vacancy created when the incumbent retired. The sudden death of Sheriff Allen Bridges, shortly after his re-election, created another vacancy, which the commissioners chose Ratliff to fill before he could take the oath of office as J.P.



Ratliff

A native of Del Rio, Ratliff competed with the Texas State rodeo team and after graduation was accepted to the Department of Public Safety Training Academy, serving 12 years as a highway patrolman. He was promoted to the Texas Rangers in 1987, serving in the Panhandle for three years before relocating to Austin. In 1997, he was assigned to the Caldwell, Blanco and Hays counties office until his 2008 retirement. His wife Carolina, a Hays County native, is also a 1975 Texas State graduate.

As Killeen High School's 1977 graduating class voted him "Most Likely to Succeed," Hamilton began to prove them right by accepting a football scholarship from Texas State, where he was named Freshman of the Year for the Bobcats in the 1977 season.



Hamilton

He starred for four years and helped lead the Bobcats to the 1980 championship of what was then the Lone Star Conference.

While attending Texas State, he was active in the Association of Black Students and Omega Psi Phi, an African-American fraternity. He received his degree in criminal justice in 1982 and went to work as a corrections officer for the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

In 1994, he was appointed chief of enforcement of the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. From 1996 to 2000, he served on the Governor's DWI Task Force Advisory Board. He remains active in the campaign against college binge drinking as a member of the MADD National College Commission Advisory Board.

Hamilton was elected Travis County's first African-American sheriff in 2004 and has made community involvement a hallmark of his administration, consulting regularly with faith-based groups to bring positive change as part of his mantra of "God, family and then work."

"I am extremely proud of my time at Texas State University," Sheriff Hamilton said. "My time there prepared me for the challenges I have faced in my life and career. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all my professors, coaches, counselors, fellow students and alumni for helping to make me the success I am today." ★

72 Allan and Jeariene Wheeler '75 Bacon Jr., Huntsville, Ala. | James Barnhart, Elizabethtown, Ky. | Sue Hopson Cole, San Marcos | Robert and Jo Levisay Damron, Blanket | Charles and Ginger Gueldner '73 Dicker, New Braunfels. Charles currently serves as an Executive Committee member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

71 Morris and Donna Hewitt, Missouri City | Alter Holand, McAllen | Aquila McGrew Jr., San Antonio | Greg Miller '71 & '72, Portland, Ore. | Louise Satterfield Reinhardt, Del Valle | Norman Schrank II, Austin | Richard Trevino Jr., San Antonio

70 John Fitzgibbon Jr., Laredo | Richard Glasco Jr., Austin | Pat Hoffmann, San Antonio | Monica Mikula Schiller, Cameron | Gerald Sharp '70 & '75, San Antonio



Melinda Lovelace '88 of Burnet holds the 2008 Emmy she won as producer of the television program "Oklahoma Centennial Spectacular" that was broadcast in Oklahoma on Statehood Day in November 2007. The show involved a 100-voice choir, 70-person orchestra and 1,000 performers including swing dancers, marching bands, drill teams, professional dancers, Native American dancers and a live bald eagle. It was broadcast live before an audience of 18,000. Also in the show were famous Oklahomans such as Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Reba McEntire, Carrie Underwood, Patti Page and Leona Mitchell. Lovelace is a freelance producer for Dallas-based Corporate Magic.

69 Homer Bludau, Newport Beach, Calif. | Bertha Estes, Laguna Vista | Kathleen Fite '69 & '70, San Marcos, served as the 1986 president of the Alumni Association, received the 1989 Key of Excellence Award and was the 1990 Teaching Award of Honor recipient. | John and Gail Kapalski '73 Greenberg, Brazoria | Loren Hillyer, Frisco, has worked for the last 27 years as a commercial real estate broker. When not busy working, he and his wife Linda enjoy time with their six children and eight grandchildren, traveling and playing golf. | Jo '69 & '74 and Conrad Housler '76 & '79, Live Oak | Bruce Lockhart, Kyle

68 Alfonso Cervantes '68 & '73, Del Rio | Judy Welch Smith, Round Rock | John '68 & '71 and Bernadette Barry Young, Manchaca

67 Franklin Allen, New Braunfels | Kay Hatch Durrett, Florence, Ala. | Dan and Cynthia Lindly '73 Locker, Brownwood. Dan is a 2001 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. | Leland Pospisil, San Antonio

66 Frankie Kubecka, Cedar Rapids, Iowa | Marshall McMillan, San Augustine | Suzanne Forester '66 & '73 and Larry Stein '67, Austin | Kathleen Kelly Urban, Kingston, Wash.

65 Donald Childs '65 & '68, Alvin | Harry Dietzmann, San Antonio | Margaret Gonder-Odell '65 & '70, Pasadena, Calif. | Homer Hoffman Jr., Arvada, Colo. | William Lynum, San Antonio | Bradley Moody '65, Montgomery, Ala.

64 Martha McCall and Fred Cole, Harlingen | Patricia Simpson Davis, El Campo | Mike Haggard, San Antonio | O. C. '64 & '69 and Johanna Stallman '72 Haley, San Marcos. O.C. served as the 1990 president of the Alumni Association and is a 1992 recipient of the Key of Excellence Award and was a 2006 Alumni Achievement Award recipient. Johanna currently serves

as an Executive Committee member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. | Peter and Linda Laurel '66 Huizar, San Antonio | Sara Leclerc, San Antonio | Jerrilyn Lohn Ray, Kerrville | Carroll '64 & '66 and Robbie Wiley, San Marcos

63 Charlie and Linda Schoenert Davis, San Antonio | Henry Juenke, Boerne | Jerry and Evelyn Walling Kaffka, Burke, Va. | Victor Krejci, Buda | Niell Strickland, Sugar Land | Mary Rodriguez Wagner, Atlanta, Ga.

61 John and Amy Huff '63 & '69 Beck, San Marcos. John is a 2004 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. | Navis Massey Coats, San Antonio | Terry Darden, Dallas, has been nominated for the Texas Dental Association Dentist of the Year Award for 2008 by the Dallas County Dental Society. | Edwin and Virginia Patterson Floyd, Austin | Bruce and Claire Gregg, San Antonio | Patsy Walker Lee, San Antonio

60 Kenneth '60 & '65 and Nola Alexander '65 Hanson, Hondo | Pedro Trevino, Laredo

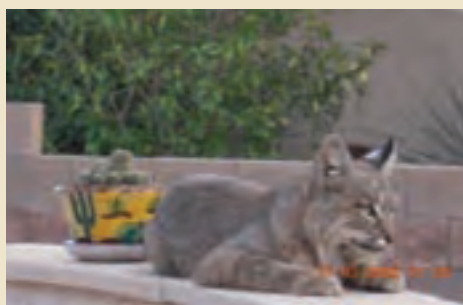
59 Betty Moy Mettke, San Antonio | Betty Baldrige Piland, San Marcos | Jimmie '59 & '63 and Janet Harper '62 Scott, San Marcos | Hyman Thomas, Colton, Calif.

58 Monico Cisneros, Lockhart | Gloria Gonzales, Mission | DeWayne '58 & '63 and June Holtermann '69 Scott, Bryan | Handler Smith, San Marcos

57 Wilfred Block, Cuero | James and Ann Burns '58 Gann, Bay City | Genie Polan Hurta, San Antonio | Don and Carolyn Lucas, Houston | Charlie and Joy Williams '57 & '58, Longview, was voted Coach of the Century for the Rio Grande Valley in August 2008.

56 Jannet Traylor Smith '56 & '86, Austin

55 Charles Barsotti, Kansas City, Mo., is a 1995 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. | Truett



Bobcat visitor

Debs Cofer '59 of Lake Jackson got an e-mail from a friend in Arizona that read: "Look who showed up on my porch to sun himself!" The bobcat seemed right at home and later wandered off.



In the cheering section in May for Texas State graduate Lauren Michelle Yelich were her mother, left, Lana Kay Prilop Yelich, who graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1975, and her grandmother, LaVerne Grace Citzler Prilop, who graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in 1950. Lauren earned her degree in criminal justice and is currently working as a sale manager for Timberland in Austin. Her mother is a home economics teacher at Beck Junior High in Katy, and her grandmother is a typing teacher retired from Churchill High in San Antonio.

Mobley, Hilltop Lakes | Jerry and Carolyn Pape, Butler, Ky. | Howard Raeke '55 & '58, Henrietta | Harvey Vogel '55 & '58, Seguin | James Wiegrefe, Katy | Ben Wolf '55 & '62, Austin

54 Bob and Wynette '56 & '79 Barton, Buda | Larry '54 & '58 and Carroll Stephens '56 Coleman, Cypress | Howard Eckols, Cypress | Rosalie Kotrla Orrick, Grand Terrace, Calif. | Bob Williamson, San Marcos

53 Bettie Dickens Rector, Lockhart, currently has three grandsons and four great-grandsons.

52 Cliff Picket, El Paso | Dorothy Foster and Leon Ullrich, Bellaire

50 Ross Hoff, Victoria | Roy Ragsdale, San Antonio | Earl and Betty Blackburn Scott, Harlingen | Otto '50 & '53 and Billie Lang '53 & '57 Stoepler Jr., San Marcos

49 Edmund Chavez, Moscow, Idaho | Francoise Sechet and George Harrod Jr., West Bloomfield, Mich. | Cecil Jenkins, San Antonio | James Littleton, San Antonio, is a 1979 Alumni Association Distinguished

Alumnus. | Kathleen Currey Neville '49 & '69, San Antonio

48 Joe Andrews Jr. '48 & '49, Junction | Clarence '48 & '49 and Margie Beran '67 Schultz Jr., San Marcos. Clarence was the 1991 recipient of the Teaching Award of Honor.

47 Frank and Margaret McDaniel Nance, Corpus Christi | Carla Beilharz Parsons, Orange, Calif., attended her 60th Texas State homecoming celebration in 2007 and had a great time with her two daughters and her college roommate.

45 Ruth Kuretsch Krueger, Bryan

44 Betty Marlar Gainer, Irving

43 Doris Giese Koenig, Houston

41 John and Kathryn Kelly '46 Prescott, College Station. John is a 1983 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus.

38 Stephen Gregg Sr., Wimberley | John Hopson '38 & '58, San Marcos

Friends we will miss as reported to the Alumni Association before March 31

Joyce McCormick Abel '61 & '63
Juanita Bishop Adams '50 & '58
Judy Alexander
Chris Alford '97
Tom Amerman '78
Luceile Blackman Anderson '50
Martha Ming Anderson '39 & '50
Jeanette Lyckman Andrews '49
Leonard Arias '78
Vicente Arranz
Elon Baker '64
Shirley Potts Baldrige '41
Blanche Balven '62
Ben Barr '82
Reggie Barton '66
Margaret Williams Baskin '62
Melissa Melear Baugh
Virginia Beck '62
Janice Bell '94
Richard Berthiaume '65
Ted Billnitzer '48 & '52
Jimmie Black '83
Kayce Morgan Booth '01
G.Y. Bounds '43
Kenneth Bounds '94
Margaret May Bowers '56
Constance Bishop Bradford '98 & '00

Allen Bridges
Jonathan Bright '95
Alta Brooks
Grace Baker Brooks '39
Cameron Brown
Winnie Harris Brown '49
Alta Smith Browning '43
Joyce Bryan
Peter Buckley
Rita DeLoach Bunte '70
Howard Butt Sr.
George Byars Jr. '59 & '60
Mary Dusek Cain '53
Evelyn Dent Callen
Ciro Cano Jr.
Mary Carman
Billy Carter '59
Stephen Casanova '78
J.B. Cavender '35
Peggy Whisenhunt Chambers
Billie Childers '78 & '84
Stacy Childress
Joseph Cipriano Jr. '82
Richard Coleman
Tom Colgin
Colleen Conoley
Matt Cooper '82

J. Norma Corona '79
Glenn Crain
Norman Crisp '69
Homer Davis Jr.
Patricia Davis
Herna Gourthers De Volder '80
Jake Dixon
Kateva Dellis Doerfer '87
William Doerr '63 & '70
Bruce Doss '78
Neely Dozier '04
Charles Drake '51
Zelma Young Draper '38
Edith Schmidt Edge
Eleanora Schmidt Edge '39
Gladys Truell Engbrock '41
David Engells
Oscar Erlanson Jr. '63
Eleonore Evans
Guyland Evins
Catherine Fahringer
Marita Janek Farr '72
Annette Olsen Fazi '86
Brandon Ferguson '05
Rex Ferguson '47 & '55
Leon Fiedler Jr. '06
Jerry Fife '88

Roxie Marek Fine '85
Martha Fleming
Joe Foote '80
Doris Bennett Franklin '38
Albert Fuller '62
Ann Tipett Gairloff '78
Flo Mayhugh Gallagher '72
Elsie Summers Galloway '70
Barbara Insko Garcia '81
DeLois Maddox Garrett '67
Heather Gayle
Ed Geldart
Raymon George '91
Paul Gerdes '89
Gerald Gibbs '83
Newman Gibbs
Amanda Garza Gibson
Clyde Gillless '68
Bob Glazner '51
Etta Boothe Goode
Jennie Grimes Goodman
Cindi Dunn Gorka '69
Bobby Gortemiller '69
Elizabeth Manning Gosdin '55
Mick Gosdin '47
Sidona Urban Goss '44
Stephen Grab

Clifford Graham '49	Allison Maloney	Joan Rawson '82	John Tamalenus '52
David Greenwood	Humberto Manzanares '94	James Rayburn	Ruby Gears Taylor '41
Bobby Griffin '58	William Marburger	Charles Reger '81	Patricia Tingle
J.B. Grumbles '58	Nell Marshall '86	Patsy Green Rice '71	Boyd Tingle
Kathleen Kyrish Gutierrez '73	William Marshall '52	Dan Richards '78	Joseph Tortorete '72
Jacqueline Hall '65	Alvin Martin '51 & '58	Bevis Richardson	Cherryl Towns
Marilon Hall '65	David Martin '03	Roger Riojas	Tam Tran
Craig Hallmark '81	Henry Martin '66	Felicidad Castilla Rios '44	Tammy Trappman
La Nell Kuehl Hamel '54	Felix Martinez Jr. '89 & '90	Emily Ritter '34	Robert Truss '81
Karen Gorka-Hammerschmidt '91	Frank Martinez '53	Ann Talbert Roberts '60 & '61	Bettie Seward Tubbs '70
Billy Hardesty	Louis Martinez '67	Laura Rocamontes '90	Eugene Turner '49
Ophelia Harp '46	Ronald Masters '82 & '84	James Rogers '85 (2003 Distinguished Alumnus)	William Turner '76
Donald Harper	Jim Mattox	John Ryan '77	Jerome Vacek '56 & '64
Mary Rusmisl Harris '46	Bessie Bauer May '38	June Ryon	Helen Wier Van Gundy '53
Lyle Hart '79	Susan Clinger McDaniel '88	Samuel Sakocius III	Maudie Reasoner Vance
Warren Hastings '73	Annie McElroy '40	Barefoot Sanders	Ramon Villarreal '76
Shari Ellis Hawkins '82	Betty McLaughlin '81	Edmund Schmidt '55	Carolyn Ward Viola '59
M.D. Heatly	John McRae III	Victor Schmidt	Edgar Vogel
Larry Heinatz '61	Nettie Dauchy Meadows	Harvey Schneider '60	Frances White Waggoner '47 & '55
Frank Heitke Jr.	Wilford Mickle III '71	Richard Schoppe '63 & '67	Jack Wagner '67
Mildred Holder '38	Deborah Miller '72	Glenna Schroeder '92	Keith Wagner '92
Barron Holloway '54	Wilford Mogford '51	Stephen Schubert	Ruby Wagner
Gary Houser '86	Justine Alford Monroe '35 & '64	Linda Scott '74 & '02	Bobby Waldrop '93
Lana Pitchford Howell '71	Bobbie Baker Moore '64	Eric Sears '79	Anne Walker
Stanley Hughson '65 & '67	Jonathan Morse	Esther Seidel '84	Samantha Spiller Wallace
Mary Inglis '74	Paige Jones Mosberg '88	Donald Shafford '95	Patricia Williams Wang '75
Perry Jackson Jr.	Lee Nell Drumm Muir '44	Candy Sharp '78	Lucille Bock Webb '40
Blake Jaksa	Bruce Mullen '71	Martha Shields	Heidi Lobsiger Weiss '88
Ann James	Belva Stiles Myler	Christine Eggeman Shinn '82	Elizabeth Shaw Weldon '43
Alice Jenkins '72	Lynette Zimmerman Naegeli '37 & '43	Helen Tanberg Short '64	Edward Wesson '85
Bernard Jesko '58	Gilbert Natal II '98	Viola Shane Shudde '56	Lynn West '57
Inez Stocker Johnson '35	Laura Neely '82	Stephanie Siebert '73	Robert Whitaker '82
Jessie Phillips-Johnson	Hazel Kahler Nelson	Jerome Sikes '85	Barbara Day Whitcomb '77
Jean Kabassema	Jack Nettles	Judith Slate '67	Harry Whiting
Kendra Coy Kahn '02	George Nious III '83	John Small '85	Ray Whitley '35 & '43
Billy Kaiser	Patsy Domangue Nisson '57	Brent Smith	Joshua Wilcox
Steven Kazianis	Aileen O'Connor	Francis Smith '49	Clifton Wilkins '82
Jan McClelland King '68	Winnie Scott Olson	James Smith '87	Melanie Wilkinson '99
Lily Kirkpatrick	Kenneth Orsborn '06	Loretta Kasper Smith '93	Geoffrey Wills Jr.
Medric Knight Jr. '78	Roger Palmer	Philip Smith '96	R.E. Windham '61
Lucille Kretzmeier '37	Jennifer Park	Raymond Smith '41	James Wisby '60
G. E. Kuretsch '52	Mona Parkerson	Susan Smith	Alan Wisian '75
Jack Langley Sr.	Robert Parr '41 & '58	Trudy Smith	Helga Block Worley '58
Arlene Wills Lann	Teyran Patterson '04	Jerome Snyder '40	Louis Wright
Dorothy Baker Lansford '56	Jon Paysse	Paul Spaur '01	Maxine Lay Wright '44
Cynthia Laughlin '98	Norris Pedigo '52 & '53	Henry Speck '39 & '42	Virginia Wright
Karl Lehmann '61	Lucille Perry	Judith Wlascinski Speir	David Yanez '80
Julie LePley '08	Sharon Russell Peters '65	Jerry Stanley '69	Larry Yarbough II '00
Ivan Lewis '79	Lloyd Petty '50	Robert Starner '80	Ray Young Jr. '76
Jay Lindsey '75	Robbie Williams Petty '36 & '53	Robert Stephenson '52 & '56	Elizabeth Anderson Younger '32 & '42
Nancy Loquercio-Long '82	Bonnie Billings Phillips '78	Clint Strait '06	Lillian Holdiness Zarnicki '40
Dorine Schmelpkopf Losh	Edward Pickard '75	Ruth Chance Strandtmann '36	LeRoy Ziegler '95
Alfred Loudon '44	Marion Mansfield Price	Robert Strickland '78 & '83	Donald Zimmerman
A.C. Lowther '58	Suzanne Price	Martin Stuart '41	
Jerlene Jacobs Lyle '55 & '61	Margie Langerhans Prochnow '47	Jennifer Cortez Sweeten '00	
Genevieve DeBord Lyons '58 & '61	Barbara Gray Pruett '71	Marilyn Dulin Swindler '68	
Ruth Gromatzky Mahler '41	Edward Rachal	Marilyn Martin Swint '85	
Jonathan Malizia '99	Omar Rauf		

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Short-term medical

Are you between jobs? Or perhaps a recent grad? Chances are you're in need of temporary medical insurance until you become part of an employer's plan. The Short-Term Medical Plan provides comprehensive, temporary medical coverage.

Catastrophe major medical

While we like to think that it will never happen to us, a serious accident or illness could occur. Would your current health insurance or Medicare cover all of the expenses? The Catastrophe Major Medical Plan is designed to help pick up where your basic health insurance, or even Medicare, leaves off.

10-year term life

You may be thinking, I already have life insurance. Why would I need more? Chances are, you probably do not have enough. Financial experts recommend you have life insurance coverage equal to six times your annual income. The 10-Year Term Life Plan offers up to \$1 million in coverage.

Auto/home

The Texas State Alumni Association has teamed up with Liberty Mutual to offer Texas State Alumni Group Savings Plus – a program that provides savings of up to 10 percent on your auto and home insurance. Group Savings Plus also features convenient automatic account deductions with no down payment or finance charges, as well as 24-hour claims and roadside assistance.

Disability income

You select a monthly benefit that's best for you – up to \$10,000 per month to help provide an income when a covered disabling accident or illness prevents you from working. All alumni of Texas State and/or

spouses of alumni, under age 60, who have been actively working (at least 30 hours a week) are eligible to apply for the Group Disability Income Plan.

Long-term care

Private long-term care insurance pays many expenses not covered by Medicare and helps prevent you from having to "spend down" your assets, a prerequisite for Medicaid assistance. More importantly, it helps protect your freedom to choose a nursing home facility or home health care provider. That's a liberty you may not have with Medicaid.

Medicare supplement

The Medicare Supplement program can help keep intact the savings you've spent a lifetime building in the event of a prolonged illness or a severe injury. The plan is designed to help cover those expenses not covered by Medicare. ★

Filmmaker documenting Sam Houston

Texas historian and filmmaker Denton Florian '93 of The Woodlands has one goal these days: to make the life and contributions of Sam Houston available to educators and the public. To meet that goal, he is making a documentary and a companion Web site about the legendary Texan.

"Sam Houston was a larger-than-life individual and a monumental figure of history," Florian told the *Conroe Courier* recently. "Our goal is to help students and scholars get to know a bit more about the man."

The Sam Houston Project is the "largest collection of data, images, documents and historical information on Sam Houston anywhere in the world," says Patrick Nolan, director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. "This is a tremendous resource for students, educators and historians." Florian called on a team of historians, technicians and friends – including Frank de la Teja, chair of the Texas State Department of History and former historian of the State of Texas – to create the project.

Houston is a colorful historical figure whose influence spread far beyond Texas, says Florian, and whose military, political and cultural roles have never been adequately documented. Born in Virginia, Houston was a governor of Tennessee and Texas, a U.S. congressman from Tennessee and a senator from Texas, twice



president of the Republic of Texas, a military leader and victorious general at the Battle of San Jacinto that led to Texas independence. In 1861, while governor of Texas, he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, was deposed and died two years later. The Houston legend also includes his leaving home at 16 to live with the Indians, his 10-week marriage to the daughter of a prominent Tennessee family, and his assault on an Ohio congressman that put him on trial in the House of Representatives with Francis Scott Key as his attorney.

The Web site is already available – www.samhoustonmovie.com. Florian is now completing the movie, which he hopes will be a rich resource for television or classroom. ★